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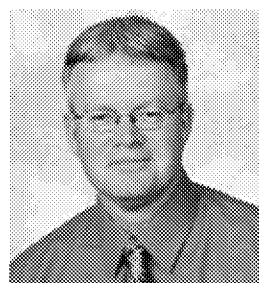
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ECOS Members Keogh, Glatt Testify before Senate on Cooperative Federalism



Becky Keogh



David Glatt

On March 5, ECOS President Becky Keogh of Arkansas and Shale Gas Caucus Co-Chair David Glatt of North Dakota touted the benefits of cooperative federalism before a subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. Also appearing at the hearing on [States' Role in Protecting Air Quality: Principles of Cooperative Federalism](#) was Craig Segall, Assistant Chief Counsel for the California Air Resources Board. All witnesses testified on behalf of their states and not ECOS.

In her [testimony](#), Keogh noted that states have gone from asking for a seat at the table to discussing how to approach a more developed "standard-operating procedure of shared decision-making, shared problem-solving, and shared programmatic development between the states and the EPA." Glatt added in his [testimony](#) that "in the current working relationship with our federal partners, there has been more listening and cooperation than prescriptive directives."

Following their testimony, the witnesses fielded questions from Senators Mike Braun (R-IN), Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Ben Cardin (D-MD), John Boozman (R-AR), Tom Carper (D-DE), Ed Markey (D-MA), and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI). Conversation turned to amendments to federal fuel efficiency regulations and the proposed revocation of California's Clean Air Act waiver, which has been adopted by 14 other states and the District of Columbia. Each witness generally advocated for state rights and the ability of states to regulate matters within their jurisdiction when allowable by federal law. [Poole]

ECOS Issues New Draft Agenda for Spring Meeting

Reserve at Hotel by March 18 or Sooner



ECOS today issued a new [draft agenda](#) for the action-packed April 7-10 Spring Meeting in Crystal City, Virginia on *Partnership in Action: Advancing Collaboration, Certainty, & Confidence*. If you haven't yet reserved your hotel room, do so by **March 18** (or sellout of the room block if earlier) to receive the special ECOS rate at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel.

Confirmed keynoters include U.S. EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler and Senate Environment & Public Works Ranking Member Tom Carper (D-DE). Mary Neumayr, Chairwoman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, will also speak at a states-only session. In the spirit of collaboration, the meeting will feature discussions with U.S. EPA Associate and Regional Administrators and a dinner reception at the Canadian Embassy.

Sessions will touch on a range of timely topics: oil and gas methane, stormwater and nutrient management, air monitoring for emerging contaminants, water infrastructure,

environmental justice, digital transformation, permit timeliness, regulatory compliance, PFAS, recycling, the energy/environment nexus, renewables, budgets, state legislative relations, and more.

Register for the meeting by **March 29** to receive the regular rate. See registration, hotel, and contact information [here](#). [Parisien]



State News You Can Use

[New Mexico Seeks to Compel Air Force to Address PFAS](#)

[Wyoming Helps Communities Protect Groundwater from Contamination](#)

[Colorado Waste Tire Cleanup Hits One Million Milestone](#)

Need-to-Know News in Land and Waste, Chemicals and Emerging Contaminants, & Air

U.S. EPA Reports Largest Number of Superfund Deletions Since 2005

Area of Focus: Land and Waste

On March 4, U.S. EPA released its Superfund annual report covering major accomplishments and environmental progress during FY 2018 including the deletion of all or part of 22 sites from the National Priorities List (NPL), the largest number of deletions in one year since 2005. The Superfund program has been a top priority for this Administration, and the agency reports strides nationwide in accelerating sites through remediation and back to productive use.

In July 2018, on the one-year anniversary of the agency's Superfund Task Force Recommendations, EPA issued a report covering Task Force accomplishments to date and laying out its plan for completing the remaining recommendations in 2019.

Click [here](#) to read the full report. [Parisien]

TRI Releases Trending Downward, According to U.S. EPA

Area of Focus: Chemicals and Emerging Contaminants

U.S. EPA released this week released its 2017 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) National Analysis. The report notes that since 2007, industrial releases of TRI chemicals have declined while the economy has grown, likely due by manufacturers taking action to prevent pollution. This year's National Analysis increases the transparency of the TRI database, incorporating new features like graphics on innovative uses of green chemistry by industry, profiles of paints and coatings, and an expanded illustration of the role of TRI data in chemical risk evaluations.

For more information on TRI and highlights from this year's analysis, see [here](#).

[Longworth]

U.S. EPA Sees Improving U.S. Fuel Economy

Area of Focus: [Air](#)

On March 6, U.S. EPA released an annual report entitled the [Automotive Trends Report](#) to provide the public with a single source of information about new light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, fuel economy, technology data, and auto manufacturers' performance in meeting the agency's GHG emissions standards. The report shows that fuel economy for the U.S. fleet continues to improve. Model Year (MY) 2017 vehicle fuel economy was 24.9 miles per gallon, slightly higher than in MY 2016, and a record high overall. Since MY 2004, fuel economy and CO2 emissions have improved in 11 out of 13 years.

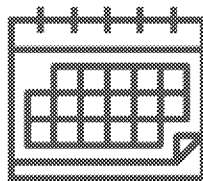
The report also assesses compliance performance for individual automakers and for the U.S. fleet as a whole with the greenhouse gas emissions standards for light-duty vehicles. This year's report shows all manufacturers are complying with the standards.

For more information, visit [EPA's Newsroom](#). [Poole]

Career Opportunities

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is seeking a Bureau Chief of the Water Quality Bureau. This position provides oversight to the state of Iowa's water quality programs, including an \$18M budget and more than 100 full-time employees.

For specific job duties, requirements, and application information, click [here](#) and search by job title. [Parisien]



Upcoming Events

U.S. EPA and Army Corps on WOTUS

U.S. EPA and Army Corps of Engineers are hosting various opportunities for state input on the proposed Waters of the U.S. Rule as part of the public review process. EPA and the Army will host half-day discussions for state officials, which will allow for state input on the proposed new definition and implementation considerations. Remaining state meetings follow:

March 11 in Atlanta, Georgia

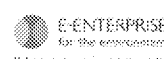
Register for this meeting [here](#).

March 26 in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Register for this meeting [here](#).

April 3 in Seattle, Washington

Register for this meeting [here](#). [Piper]



E-Enterprise Facility Integration Team on Accomplishments & Upcoming Milestones

The E-Enterprise Facility Integration Team Co-Chairs invite you to their upcoming webinar on **March 12 at 2:30-4 p.m. Eastern** on the team's Phase 3 accomplishments and remaining projects. This project aims to develop shared services to connect various sources of regulated facility information, streamline reporting, and yield more accurate and timely facility information. The team leaders will provide an overview of the expanded EPA Facility Registry Service (FRS) E-Enterprise services and new FRS capabilities.

Topics will include: synchronizing data updates between a state and U.S. EPA, reporting on the pilot project that synchronized the Rhode Island and EPA facility databases, and scoping requirements for a unified facility status micro-service that could support multiple environmental programs.

Register [here](#). For more information, click [here](#). [Poole]

U.S. EPA on Watershed Hazard Mitigation

The U.S. EPA Office of Water's [Watershed Academy](#) is offering a webinar on **March 14 at 1-3 p.m. Eastern** entitled "Lessons Learned on Integrating Water Quality and Nature-based Approaches into Hazard Mitigation Plans." EPA is promoting integration of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hazard mitigation plans and water quality plans to support projects that reduce natural hazards while emphasizing water quality benefits. This webcast will look at two completed pilot projects that have successfully integrated watershed planning, green infrastructure practices, and source water protection into FEMA hazard mitigation plans.

Speakers will include Myra Schwartz of U.S. EPA Region 1, Carrie Robinette of FEMA, and Josh Bruce of the Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience.

Participants must [register](#) in advance to attend this webcast. Please contact WatershedAcademySupport@cadmusgroup.com with any questions. [Piper]

U.S. EPA on Preventing Food Waste Upstream

U.S. EPA will host a sustainable materials management webinar on **March 14 at 1:30 - 2:45 p.m. Eastern** on preventing food waste upstream. The webinar, which is the third a source reduction approach series, will focus on the definition of source reduction and examples of award-winning cases at a restaurant, a state park, and a county correctional facility that prevent wasted food at the source. Speakers include Kelsey Davis of the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation.

To register, see [here](#). View the [first](#) and [second](#) parts of the series. [Longworth]

U.S. EPA on Removing Chemicals of Emerging Concern

U.S. EPA will hold its monthly Tools and Resources Webinar on **March 20 at 3-4 p.m. Eastern** to highlight cost effective treatment technologies for removing chemicals of emerging concern (CEC), including PFAS. CECs, chemicals that have not previously been detected in water or that are being detected at significantly different levels than expected, pose numerous challenges to drinking water treatment plants. This presentation will discuss three CECs (PFAS, cyanotoxins, and perchlorate) and discuss cost-effective solutions for small systems.

Register [here](#). [Longworth]

ITRC on Long-Term Contaminants Using Institutional Controls

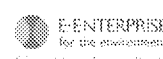


The Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) will hold an online training course on *Long-term Contaminant Management Using Institutional Controls* on **March 21 at 1-3:15 p.m. Eastern**.

Institutional controls (ICs) are administrative or legal restrictions that provide protection from exposure to contaminants at a site. When ICs are jeopardized or fail, direct exposure to human health and the environment can occur. After attending the training, participants will be able to: describe best practices and evolving trends for IC management at individual sites and across state agency programs; use the [associated ITRC guidance](#) to improve existing, or develop new, IC management programs; and use the tools to establish a Long Term Stewardship (LTS) plan for specific sites.

Register [here](#). [Olonoff]

E-Enterprise Combined Air Emissions Reporting Team on CEDRI



The E-Enterprise Combined Air Emissions Reporting (CAER) Team will host a webinar on **April 1 at 3-4:30 p.m. Eastern** for states, EPA, and others to hear the latest updates to the Compliance and Emissions Data Reporting Interface (CEDRI) and the Facility Widget.

This work will be helpful in the broader effort to develop a process for reporting to four air databases including the National Emissions Inventory (NEI) via delegated state programs, and direct reports to federal databases including the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI), Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHG), and compliance reporting requirements for Part 60 and Part 63 regulations (via Compliance and Emissions Data Reporting Interface or CEDRI).

Register [here](#). [Poole]

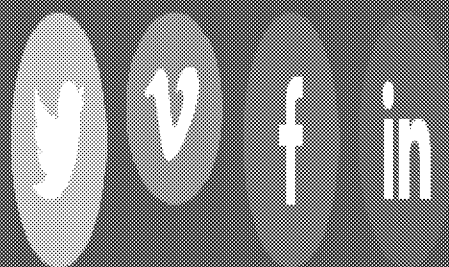
U.S. EPA on ECHO behind the Scenes

U.S. EPA will hold a webinar on the Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) database on **April 9 1:30-2:30 pm Eastern**. During this webinar, EPA will go “behind the scenes” of ECHO, answering questions about environmental data such as:

- From which EPA program systems does ECHO retrieve data?
- How frequently are the data updated, and how do I make corrections?
- How can I download ECHO data?
- What are ECHO web services?

If you are interested in a specific topic or would like to suggest a question to answer during the webinar, please send feedback to [ECHO Support](#). Every six months U.S. EPA will highlight a different feature of ECHO, and each webinar will be recorded and shared on the [ECHO training page](#).

Register [here](#). [Piper]



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